

University Honors Program HON 395 (Honors Cooperative Education): Guidelines

Introduction

The UHP enthusiastically supports your involvement in opportunities afforded by the NC State Cooperative Education Program. Indeed, an important part of our mission is to position you for admission to and success within graduate and professional degree programs and for employment in excellent jobs immediately following graduation. All three of these program goals can be supported by an exceptional cooperative education experience that includes an independent or group research/creative project. You may use up to three hours of cooperative education credit to fulfill UHP requirements in the following ways. (Note: no letter grade will be assigned; therefore this experience will not impact your GPA)

If you were admitted to the UHP from Fall 2000-Spring 2003

Your program requirements include both H-sections of regular courses and HON seminars. A significant cooperative education experience that involves approximately 12-15 contact hours per credit hour brings you that extra dimension of study/experience that you currently obtain from H-sections and HON seminars. This Honors Cooperative Education experience, HON 395, may therefore be used in lieu of one H-section or HON seminar, or, if the experience focuses on research/special project, HON 395 may be used in lieu of HON 298 (Honors Research/Independent Study).

If you were admitted to the UHP beginning Fall 2003

Your program requirements do not include H-sections, although we encourage you to take as many H-sections as you desire. Four HON seminars are required; consequently HON 395 may be used in lieu of one HON seminar, except for HON 201, which is required of all UHP students.

It is possible that HON 395 may satisfy three of the six hours of the required junior/senior Honors Capstone Project. However, this substitution is approved on a case-by-case basis. A key consideration in that approval will be the relationship of this cooperative education experience to the capstone project and your overall plan of study. You should discuss your particular situation in advance with the UHP Director.

Contract Process

Applying for HON 395, Honors Cooperative Education

- (1) Meet with your academic advisor to discuss how a Cooperative Education experience may fit into your Plan of Study.
- (2) Meet with a Cooperative Education advisor and complete the Co-op application process (visit www.ncsu.edu/co-op_ed/ for more information).
- (3) Complete your first semester rotation. During that time, meet with your co-op supervisor to discuss how your experience might include a significant independent or group research/creative project. You must be permitted by the hosting institution/company to engage in an independent or group research/creative project for part of the overall experience.
- (4) Meet with the UHP Director to discuss how your cooperative education experience qualifies as an Honors experience. This discussion may also be carried out by e-mail. Contact Larry_Blanton@ncsu.edu for more information.

- (5) Complete the [Honors 395 Contract](#) (in which a description of the work must be clearly stated). Turn it, along with copies of your Cooperative Education paperwork, in to 219 Clark Hall for UHP Director approval. Please plan to obtain this approval the semester before your HON 395 experience. You, your academic advisor, and your co-op supervisor will be notified of this approval via e-mail.
- (6) Register for HON 395. You are not permitted to enroll in any regular courses beyond HON 395 during the Co-op experience; moreover, you may participate in additional semesters of Co-op experience but without additional Honors course credit. You must pay the undergraduate tuition and fee rate for a 0-5 credit hour course in addition to the Cooperative Education fee. Typically, students work with the cooperating institution 40 hours per week and receive a salary.

Fulfilling your Contract

- (7) Submit a [report](#) of the research/creative project to the UHP Office (219 Clark Hall) prior to the last day of classes of the semester involved.



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